

Healthy Communities Initiative Grant Application

The District of Saanich has applied for a grant under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative for funding to support a Bike Share Program and a Youth Art Mural at the Tripp Station Youth Park.

Bike Share Program

Saanich is building its first dedicated youth park to support healthy outdoor activity and create a positive space for youth.

The Healthy Community's Equity Guidance cautions that physical infrastructure projects can benefit some populations while leaving others behind; this project creates inclusive space through engagement, participation, integrating shared access and programming.

Beyond being a built space, it integrates amenities, supplies and programming to ensure marginalized youth have access and feel comfortable participating.

By providing bikes that can be signed out during specific programmed times, we hope to eliminate barriers to participation for this exciting outdoor activity.



Tripp Station Youth Bike Skills Park



Youth Art Mural Wall

For the art component, a Lead Artist (or team) would lead and facilitate the process, the learning and the development of a youth creative team through the realization of the mural wall.

Artists would participate in an Art/Mural Project Working Group that would include representation from youth artists, art teachers, staff and representatives of community groups interested in the project. The goal is to support art involved youth to help develop the process, and foster inclusive awareness, engagement and participation by youth.

Throughout the project, the Lead Artist would "lead from beside" providing inspiration, encouragement, mentorship, input, and empowerment to youth throughout the project. Giving youth an active, supported role and voice with the project is key to meeting needs and realizing the benefits, including for those struggling with stress, anxiety or other challenges exacerbated through COVID-19.

